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1. PRESSURES CONTINUE FOR FURTHER COMMENTS ON
USG ATTITUDE TOWARD MULTIPLE ENTRY AND EXIT VISAS
FOR JOURNALISTS. WE ARE CURRENTLY REPLYING ON BASIS
REF A, BUT ARE BEING PRESSED FOR OFFICIAL COMMENT
ON FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

(A) WHAT IS OFFICIAL US INTERPRETATION OF THE PHRASE
QUOTE ON THE BASIS OF ARRANGEMENTS UNQUOTE, WHICH
SOVIETS CLAIM MEANS BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS.

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(B) WHAT WILL BE USG RESPONSE IF FOREIGN CORREU-
PONDENTS, E.G. SOVIET, RESIDENT IN THE US APPLY
FOR MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS.

2. UK PRESS ATTACHE SAID TODAY BRITISH JOURNALISTS WERE RECEIVING SAME REPLIES FROM MFA AS AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS, I.E. ISSUANCE OF MULTIPLE ENTRY AND WXIT VISAS WILL DEPEND ON AGREEMENT REACHED BY USSR AND UK. BRITISH OFFICIAL SAID THEY WERE CURRENTLY DISCUSSING WHAT STEPS TO TAKE, BUT USG ACTION WOULD CERTAINLY BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.

3. GERMAN PRESS ATTACHE, REUTERS CORRESPONDENT AND MOST OF US PRESS CORPS ASKING QUESTION ALONG SAME LINES.

4. UPI REPORTER SAID NORWEGIAN CORRESPONDENT TOLD HIM THAT US AND USSR HAD REACHED QUOTE UNDERSTANDING UNQUOTE IN GENEVA ABOUT MEANING OF DISPUTED PHRASE. EMBOFF CATEGORICALLY DENIED ANY QUOTE DEALS UNQUOTE AND OUTLINED USG ACTIONS ALONG LINES OF REF A.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: APPRECIATE ASAP ANY FURTHER GUIDANCE WHICH CAN BE PROVIDED REGARDING QUERIES DESCRIBED IN PARA 1.

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